

In the specification:

Replace the paragraph starting on page 3, line 24 and ending on page 3, line 29 with:

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In another aspect of the invention, an injection molded thrust member is disposed in the bore in the housing in coaxial registry with the end wall of the shaft. The engagement of the thrust member with the end wall of the output shaft prevents axial movement of the drive shaft.

Replace the paragraph starting on page 7, line 13 and ending on page 7, line 19 with:

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Fig. 1 depicts only the motor shaft 10, with the drive motor itself not being shown. In this application, the motor and gear drive are mounted in two separate housings with a housing 12, which is typically a cast housing, by example only, formed of a suitable metal, such as aluminum, depicted for the gear drive.

Replace the paragraph starting on page 8, line 1 and ending on page 8, line 5 with:

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It will be understood that the worm wheel or worm which engages the worm gear 14 and is fixedly mounted on a drive shaft, not shown in Fig. 1, is angularly offset, typically at 90° from the axis of the drive shaft 10.

Replace the paragraph starting on page 9, line 26 and ending on page 9, line 37 with:

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As shown in Fig. 2, the housing 12 has a stepped bore 40 formed of a first larger diameter bore portion 42 and a second, coaxial smaller diameter bore portion 44, with both of the first and second bore portions 42 and 44 referred to hereafter simply as the first bore 42 and the second bore 44. A first gate or runner 46 is formed through the housing 12 and has an outlet disposed in fluid communication with the first bore 42 and an inlet opening externally with respect to the housing 12.

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The first gate 46 is designed to provide a path for molten plastic, as described hereafter, during an injection molding process to flow into the first bore 42.

Replace the paragraphs starting on page 10, line 7 and ending on page 10, line 26 with:

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The present method and apparatus make use of a mold core 50, shown in Fig. 3 which concentrically aligns, seals and forms an interior cavity for forming the sleeve 32 as described hereafter. The mold core 50 includes a shank 52 having a first diameter cylindrical end portion 54, an adjacent second, larger diameter cylindrical portion 56, an adjacent yet larger diameter cylindrical portion, and a final largest diameter portion 60.

The cylindrical portions 54, 56, and 60 serve various functions. Specifically, the first cylindrical portion 54 of the mold core 50 has an outer diameter just slightly smaller than the inner diameter of the second bore 44 in the housing 12 so as to fit therein. A first shoulder 62 is formed between the coplanar ends of the first and second cylindrical portions 54 and 56 of the mold core 50. The first shoulder 62 is designed to sealingly engage a face 64 formed between the first and second bores 42 and 44 in the housing 12.

Replace the paragraph starting on page 11, line 15 and ending on page 11, line 25 with:

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A third shoulder 72 is formed intermediate along the shank 52 of the mold core 50 and is positioned to engage a third face 74 formed intermediately within the housing 12. The third face 74 is formed as one support wall of the outer bearing race 22 shown in Fig. 1. An enlarged annular flange 78 is formed on the mold core 50 and extends radially outward from an intermediate portion of the shank 52. The annular flange 78 is formed with an outer cylindrical mounting flange 76 which is adapted to engage a similar mounting flange on a portion of the housing 12.

Replace the paragraph starting on page 11, line 33 and ending on page 12, line 11 with: